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SUBJECT: GOC PURCHASE OF C-47 AIRCRAFT

REF: A) BOGOTA 946; B) USMILGP BOGOTA 091430Z FEB 76

1. DOD INFORMS US THAT GOC MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES
MENTIONED REF (A) VISITED DAVID-MONTHAM AFB AND EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN ACQUIRING SIX C-47S WITH SIX EXTRA AIRCRAFT
ENGINES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COST OF AIRCRAFT, ENGINES,
AND OVERHAUL WOULD BE ROUGHLY \$400 THOUSAND, AND THAT GOC
REPRESENTATIVE WAS SO INFORMED.

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2. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT (FMSA)

MAY NOT PERMIT FMS SALE OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO SATENA, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED CIVILIAN AIR LINE OPERATED IN AREAS WHERE COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE INFEASIBLE OR UNAVAILABLE, USING AIR FORCE PILOTS. ALL FMS SALES MUST BE FOR SOME PURPOSE FOR WHICH SALES CAN BE MADE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE FMSA, I.E. "LEGITIMATE SELF DEFENSE, TO PERMIT RECIPIENT COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL OR COLLECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS OR MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UN...OR FOR PURPOSE OF ENABLING FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES IN LESS DEVELOPED FRIENDLY COUNTRIES

TO CONSTRUCT PUBLIC WORKS AND TO ENGAGE IN OTHER ACTIVITIES HELPFUL TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES."

3. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER FMS IS APPROPRIATE CHANNEL IN THIS CASE, WE NEED FROM EMBASSY, THEREFORE, REPORT OUTLINING HOW SATENA IS AFFILIATED WITH COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE, AS REPORTED REF A, AND HOW AIRCRAFT WOULD BE USED FOR MILITARY AND/OR CIVIL PURPOSES.

4. DEPARTMENT HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF GOC INTEREST IN SUBJECT AIRCRAFT BEFORE REF A ARRIVED, AND IN VIEW OF CONCERN RAISED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, CANNOT AS YET AGREE TO SALE TO GOC. GIVEN THE FACT THAT GOC NOW HAS RECEIVED PRELIMINARY PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND HAS INSPECTED AIRCRAFT, DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED LEST GOC EXPECTATIONS REGARDING ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT PROVE UNFOUNDED, WHICH PRESUMABLY COULD CAUSE HARD FEELINGS WITHIN AIR FORCE AND SATENA.

5. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENT ON PROBABLE METHOD OF FINANCING GOC INTENDS TO USE IF PURCHASE WERE APPROVED UNDER FMS, SINCE EX-IM FINANCING WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THIS EVENT.

6. COMMERCE INFORMS US THAT SATISFACTORY C-47S NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON US COMMERCIAL MARKET.

7. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF GOC ACQUIRING
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THESE SAME EXCESS C-47 AIRCRAFT, WHICH APPEAR TO BE PRIMARILY FOR CIVIL PURPOSES, THROUGH AUTHORITY OF AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 607(A) OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED. REPORT REQUESTED PARA 3. WILL BE USEFUL IN THIS REGARD.

8. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH EX-IM BANK POSSIBILITY OF FINAN

CING ACQUISITION FROM AID. FURTHER INVESTIGATION ALONG
THIS LINE PENDING REPORT REQUESTED PARA 3. INGERSOLL

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